

## *District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers*



**SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street Mobility Plan** – The City's Transportation and Mobility Department (TAM) is working on a summary of the SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street Mobility Plan that shares the feedback from our neighbors. TAM expects to bring this forward to the Commission at our March 7 Commission Conference Meeting.

**FDOT Project: SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street at SE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Speaking of SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, you may already be aware that beginning Feb. 28 (with completion set for Summer 2017), FDOT will be making roadway improvements to SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street at SE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Improvements include removing existing asphalt and resurfacing the intersection, installing a new signalized intersection with mast arms, adding crosswalks on both sides of the intersection to provide access across SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, installing two new street lights at the intersection, and installing eight countdown pedestrian signals.

**Traffic Impact:** The outside lane in each direction of SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street at SE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed Tuesday through Thursday night between 7:30 PM and 11:30 AM for the signalization improvements. The City is following up to see if FDOT can open up the lanes earlier in the morning.

**For More Information:** Contact FDOT Public Information Officer Dayana Diaz at 954-290-5989 or [ddiaz@corradino.com](mailto:ddiaz@corradino.com).

**Enforcement of Seawall Ordinance** – A "Frequently Asked Questions" document is now available online to answer some questions about receiving a citation under the ordinance and your responsibilities as a property owner. Please see [www.fortlauderdale.gov/seawall](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/seawall).

**Upcoming Stormwater Master Plan Workshops** – The City is convening two meetings to gather your input on flooding concerns in certain neighborhoods.

- If you live in Harbor Beach, Lauderdale Harbors, or Rio Vista, please consider attending the workshop on Monday, **March 6 at 7 PM** in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room at City Hall, 100 N Andrews Avenue.
- If you live in Edgewood or River Oaks, please consider attending the workshop on Wednesday, **March 8 at 6 PM** at the First Church of the Nazarene, 2300 SW 15 Avenue.

**Ribbon-cutting in District IV** – My thanks go to the City's Housing and Community Development Division, which proudly helped me cut the ribbon (pictured at right) on Feb. 17 at a new replacement home for two deserving Fort Lauderdale residents. Through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Debbie and John Burgess qualified for federal assistance that provides funding to reconstruct a home if the rehabilitation cost exceeds 50% of its assessed value. The federal grant enabled the City to replace The Burgess's structurally deficient dwelling with a new 891-sq-ft, two-bedroom, two-bathroom home complete with a garage and central air conditioning. We congratulate The Burgess Family and wish them happiness in their new residence.



**Record-breaking Number of Sea Turtle Nests** – The counts are in and, in case you were wondering, the 2016 Season broke records for the past eight years with 1,219 nests found along all 6.25 miles of Fort Lauderdale Beach.

**St. Patrick's Parade and Festival: March 11** – The fun begins at 7:30 AM with the Celtic 4 Miler, a four-mile run down Las Olas. To register, visit [www.celtic4miler.com](http://www.celtic4miler.com). The St. Patrick's Parade begins at noon and travels west along E Las Olas from SE 5 Avenue to Las Olas Riverfront with more than 100 floats, pipe and drum corps, classic automobiles, bagpipers, marching bands, Veterans groups, and more. The St. Patrick's Festival runs until 7 PM at Huizenga Plaza and along the Riverwalk. Highlights include live bands, Irish dancers, interactive entertainment, an expanded Kids Zone, cultural attractions, and plenty of Irish food and beverages. For more, see [www.stpatsftl.com](http://www.stpatsftl.com).

**Interim Chief of Police** – Police Chief Frank Adderley resigned recently to join the Broward Sheriff's Office as a colonel in charge of community affairs. Assistant Chief Rick Maglione, who has served the City with distinction for 24 years, is serving as Interim Chief until the City Manager decides who should permanently fill the position.

- My City Hall Office Hours are Mondays from 4 - 5:30 PM and Tuesdays from 9 AM - Noon (in non-Commission weeks). To schedule a meeting or sign up to receive this newsletter and other information about what's going on in the City, contact MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028 or [mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov).